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Subject: Info-Hams Digest V93 #308
To: Info-Hams

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Today's Topics:

Send Replies or notes for publication to: <Info-Hams@UCSD.Edu>
Send subscription requests to: <Info-Hams-REQUEST@UCSD.Edu>
Problems you can't solve otherwise to brian@ucsd.edu.

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(by FTP only) from UCSD.Edu in directory "mailarchives/info-hams".

We trust that readers are intelligent enough to realize that all text
herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: 11 Mar 93 23:17:17 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: 1296 Repeaters
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

A group of fellow amatuers have decided to put up a repeater on 1296 in this
area.
We have looked into the various consumer (Icom, Yeasu Hamtronics etc) repeaters
but none of them seem very well done and are extreemly pricie.
The question arose, about any military or commercial surplus. Does any one have
any recommendations for surplus gear that can be converted to repeater
operation (ala GEmaster exec) Does Motorola or GE or any one else have
commercial gear near this frequency.

Any suggestions would be greatly appriciated.
73
Don

Date: 12 Mar 93 01:42:40 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: ALERT: Major Solar Flare Alert - 11 March
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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MAJOR SOLAR FLARE ALERT

ISSUED: 23:30 UT, 11 MARCH

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* No Impact Expected *

MAJOR ENERGETIC EVENT SUMMARY:

(All times are valid for the UT day of 11 March)

Flare Size: Class M7.3/1N
  Location: N16E68 (Region 7448)
  Tenflare: None reported.
SESC Times: Begin=11/2143 UT, Peak=11/2201 UT, End=11/2203 UT
            (SESC Times are based on a half-power-point system)
    Sweeps: Type II (Importance 3). Estimated Shock speed: 900 km/sec
   Protons: None observed or expected.

PRELIMINARY X-RAY TIME PROFILE DATA AND ESTIMATED STATISTICS:

BEGIN (XRAY)	MAX (XRAY)	END (XRAY)	DURATION	INTEG. FLUX	SWF DUR.
2154 (C2.6)	2202 (M7.3)	2214 (C9.3)	020 MIN.	0.039 J/m^2	017 min

NOTE: The xray time profile data above is not based on the half-power-point system, but is intended to give a general idea of the duration of the entire event, from the start to the end when xrays fall below M-class levels. Integrated x-ray flux covers the interval from start to end.

SYNOPSIS:

Region 7448 was responsible for an impuslive major class M7.3/1N flare at 22:01 UT. This region has been classified as an F-type spot group, although there is some question regarding this. The region is still rotating around the limb and into view. It is therefore difficult to determine the characteristics of the region. It is a new region which formed on the far side of the sun and does not appear to be the return of an old region.

The x-rays from this event were typical of an impulsive flare. A major Type II sweep accompanied the event. The estimated shock speed of derived from the Type II sweep was 900 km/second. The sweep lasted about 14 minutes (from 2157Z to 2211Z). It is unknown whether this region may be capable of producing further major flares.

A moderate SWF was observed on the HF bands, affecting frequencies as high as approximately 12 to 15 MHz. The SWF was brief, however.

POTENTIAL TERRESTRIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

The following tables depict the preliminary estimated potential for terrestrial impacts in various categories. These tables are valid only for the flare described and do not include assessments for previous influential flare events.

POTENTIAL MAGNITUDE OF DISTURBANCE	
HIGH	0 %
MODERATE	0 %
LOW	15 %
NONE	85 %
OVERALL ARRIVAL PROBABILITY	20 %

ESTIMATED WINDOW OF SHOCK ARRIVAL IF SHOCK ARRIVES

MINIMUM	EARLY	PREFERRED	LATE	MAXIMUM
__/____ UT	__/____ UT	__/____ UT	__/____ UT	__/____ UT
MARCH	MARCH	MARCH	MARCH	MARCH
5 %	45% PROBABILITY	45% PROBABILITY		5 %

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  POTENTIAL FOR >10 MEV PROTONS          POTENTIAL FOR >100 MEV PROTONS
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    HIGH FLUX :  0 %  > 100 PFU            HIGH FLUX :  0 %  > 100 PFU
MODERATE FLUX :  0 %  >  10 PFU        MODERATE FLUX :  0 %  >  10 PFU
     LOW FLUX :  0 %  >   1 PFU             LOW FLUX :  0 %  >   1 PFU
         NONE :100 %  <=  1 PFU                 NONE :100 %  <=  1 PFU
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OVERALL ARRIVAL PROBABILITY:  5%       OVERALL ARRIVAL PROBABILITY:  0 %

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EST. POTENTIAL GEOMAGNETIC IMPACT      EST. POTENTIAL IONOSPHERIC IMPACT
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       SEVERE STORM :  0 %                LOW LATITUDES : NONE EXPECTED
        MAJOR STORM :  0 %             MIDDLE LATITUDES : NONE EXPECTED
        MINOR STORM :  5 %               HIGH LATITUDES : NIL - MINOR
     ACTIVE OR LESS : 95 %              POLAR LATITUDES : NIL - MINOR
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 PROBABLE SI ASSOCIATION : 35 %      ESTIMATED GLOBAL IMPACT: NONE EXPECTED


ESTIMATED POTENTIAL DURATION OF DISTURBANCE AFTER ARRIVAL: NIL TO 24 HOURS

EST. PROBABILITY FOR GEOSYNCHRONOUS SATELLITE MAGNETOPAUSE CROSSINGS:   5%


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Date: 11 Mar 1993 21:31:57 GMT
From: sun-barr!news2me.EBay.Sun.COM!exodus.Eng.Sun.COM!appserv.Eng.Sun.COM!
concertina!fiddler@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: Ham Radio Outlet incident
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Other than sometimes being treated aas a nonperson (we're studying for our
first tickets at home now), not yet being an amateur operator, my only
significant gripe with HRO is their working hours.

They open up and hour or two after I have to be at work, and close about
the time that I can usually get away. Even banks are staying open these
days longer than 10 to 5. At least part of the time.

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| Some things are too important not to give away      |
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| to everybody else and have none left for yourself. |
|------------------------ Dieter the car salesman-----|

Date: Fri, 12 Mar 1993 01:18:43 GMT
From: usc!howland.reston.ans.net!usenet.ins.cwru.edu!neoucom.edu!
wtm@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: Ham Radio Outlet incident
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

The HRO catalog is at least good for one thing: it has much more
detailed information on the products than the AES catalog.

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Date: Thu, 11 Mar 1993 23:33:04 GMT
From: usc!howland.reston.ans.net!gatech!taco!djbarnes@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: Just for fun . . . someone's screw up
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <1no0f8INN9i@network.ucsd.edu>, brian@ucsd.edu (Brian Kantor) writes:
> spady@bcstec.ca.boeing.com (Robyn Spady) writes:
> >well over an hour, two men had their mike keyed on channel 16 and tied up all
> >use of that channel . . .
>
> >I hope they are able to track these buffoons down! I would even like it
> >better if their wives could hear what they were saying about them ;-)
>
> Sounds to me like you're more pissed off at what was being discussed
> than that the channel was jammed. Would you be so angry and righteous
> if all you'd heard was the vessel's engine noise for over an hour?

I disagree....sounded to me that he was right in being pissed off about the
fact that there were stranded boaters who couldn't get help because of those
guys and it made it worse that they were talking about something totally
useless......

>
> Seems to me the more appropriate thing to do is to get a regulation
> passed that requires a 5 minute maximum transmission length timer in
> the radio!

Then what happens.....you can't talk anymore? Or do you just hit the button again and keep at it?

Just wondering.....

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Donald Barnes | "You can think about it, but don't
djbarnes@eos.ncsu.edu |
Computer Engineering |
N.C. State University | do it."--Smokey
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Date: Thu, 11 Mar 1993 22:42:00 GMT
From: usc!zaphod.mps.ohio-state.edu!hobbes.physics.uiowa.edu!news.uiowa.edu!
news.weeg.uiowa.edu!vaxa.weeg.uiowa.edu!gcohen@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: mods for DJ162T
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Well the subject is clear enough. I would like to know where I can find the modification sheet for this.
thanks in advance

Date: 11 Mar 93 18:04:28 EST
From: titan.ksc.nasa.gov!titan.ksc.nasa.gov!news@ames.arpa
Subject: Motorola Radios Are/Were Tough
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Here's a little story that happened some years ago when I worked for Motorola:

Motorola has always been proud of their product testing and the quality of the products that result from this testing. Motorola decided to show off their product testing lab to members of a local QA society one night, but before the meeting there was a "happy hour" at the Holiday Inn across the street and some of the people got very happy. Later, when the group entered the plant one of the Motorola managers spied a portable radio on the security guard's desk. To show how tough it was he picked it up and hurled it across the room where he expected it to land on the carpeted floor. Unfortunately, he put a little too much effort into the throw. The radio flew across the room, through an open door, and into the stairwell where it hit the edge of a step and exploded into pieces! I hate when that happens!

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Date: Fri, 12 Mar 1993 01:42:24 GMT
From: usc!howland.reston.ans.net!usenet.ins.cwru.edu!neoucom.edu!
wtm@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: Squeeling and sqwaking ICW2A
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I got my ICW2A used. It was about a year old when I got it and had been reasonably well cared for by the previous owner. None the less, I thought the audio was rather weak and scratchy compared to my IC24AT. While I had the W2 apart to install the matrix diodes to expand the frequency coverage, I took the opportunity to inspect the speaker. There were some iron filings clinging to the speaker. I used a damp cotton swab to pick up the filings. The speaker cone is plastic and can be popped out of shape rather easily. If the cone gets popped, it sounds very distorted. Some gentle tapping seems to cuase the cone to pop back to the proper shape.

I haven't had the cone go funny in normal operation of the W2, but I could believe it might happen. It would still be a pain in the neck, or perhaps a lower body part, to have to take the rig apart to reorient the speaker.

Now that I've had the W2 for a while, I've gotten used to the less healthy audio volume.

By the way, there is a local dealer that makes modifications to W2s and other rigs. He's got some additional things beyond what is in the Artsci pink book. He claims that there is a fix to improve the IF gain, which the rig's CPU normally cuts back (for reasons unknown?) when tuning the GMRS band portions. The fix supposedly involves nipping a trace and installing a bypass diode to keep the gain up. I buddy of mine had the mod done and says that it works. Due to not having enough time, I haven't gotten to looking at the schematic yet to see what was done. I'm not sure I want to make those mods to my rig. At least, installing the matrix diodes is reversible to 100% stock.

Bill

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Date: 11 Mar 93 14:34:52 CST
From: usc!howland.reston.ans.net!zaphod.mps.ohio-state.edu!caen!
kuhub.cc.ukans.edu!baxter@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: TM741A manual project
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Awhile back, someone posted an article describing a project to write
a detailed TM741A manual, describing all the different mods, etc...
Has this project been finished?   Is it still being worked on?
Is there an FTP site with this "manual" available?

Thanks, Kirk N0FPZ

Date: Fri, 12 Mar 1993 01:10:14 GMT
From: usc!wupost!spool.mu.edu!torn!csd.unb.ca!UNBVM1.CSD.UNB.CA@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: VHF Car Antenna: 1/2 or 1/4 wave??
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Hi,

I'm looking into buying an antenna for my car, but I can't decide if I
should be a 1/2 or 1/4 wave antenna. I know that I'll get a better
transmission on a 1/2 wave, but the antenna would be over 3 feet long!
(That's almost the same height as my car, and I don't want my car to
look like a mobile tower)

So my question is: Is there a BIG difference between a 1/2 wave and
a 1/4 wave car antenna?

For those who need to know:
- my radio is an Alinco DJ-580. (~2 watts)

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Thanks,           ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
                  | Y6HJ@unb.ca  <or>  Y6HJ@jupiter.sun.csd.unb.ca  |
Paul Cormier      | FidoNet: (1:255/20)  Data: (506)735-3831 [v32b] |
VE1POL            '''''''''''''''''''''''''''''''''''''''''''''''''''
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Date: Thu, 11 Mar 1993 20:22:50 GMT
From: usc!cs.utexas.edu!csc.ti.com!tilde.csc.ti.com!fstop.csc.ti.com!
linnig@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: W9GR DSP Filter shipping
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Well,

I got my W9GR DSP filter kit in the mail last week. I guess
Texas Instruments made good on their promise to W9GR and got
him some DSP's.

Includes nice looking board and clear instructions.

I'm looking forward to getting it working.

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Mike Linnig, Texas Instruments Inc. | 97.43% of all statistics are made |
Phone: (214) 575-3597 CALL: N5QAW | up; most of them (83.6 percent) |
Internet: mike.linnig@dseg.ti.com | are wrong. |
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Date: Thu, 11 Mar 1993 22:01:52 GMT
From: pacbell.com!att-out!cbfsb!cbnews!cbnewsm!jeffj@network.UCSD.EDU
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <9303101358.AA07555@ucsd.edu>, <jzjt6=f@dixie.com>,
<cole.109.731876607@soldev.tti.com>
Subject : Re: Ham Radio Outlet incident

In article <cole.109.731876607@soldev.tti.com> cole@soldev.tti.com (Randy Cole)
writes:
>In article <jzjt6=f@dixie.com> jgd@dixie.com (John De Armond) writes:
>>
>>>Volunteers? Why do i find this hard to believe? I would think the regular
>>>paid employees would revolt over this. I know I'd be not happy to know that
>>>my services as a salesman, something I would get compensated to do, is done
>>>for free on the weekends. I'd want those commissions. Letting the volunteers
>>>sell on the weekends would just devalue my worth to the owner - since he can
>>>get my job done for free.
>>
>>I'll give you a tip as to why: The HRO store here in Atlanta also uses

>>non-paid volunteers. What a concept? Letting the kids play in the
>>toy store.
>
>What a concept? WHAT A RIPOFF!
>
>1. It isn't fair to a competitor who tries to pay his employees a decent
>living wage.
>
>4. It isn't fair to HRO's paid employees who have to work with people
>who aren't particularly accountable to management, and may have to
>spend extra time and effort training volunteers and fixing their
>mistakes. This is in addition to the points Bill Newkirk made.
>
>5. It isn't fair to people who could use a job.

The guys that work (volunteer) at HRO for free are idiots! Let's see
I work 40 hours this week and then out of the goodness of my heart I
work 8 more? Mean while the owner sits around and gleefully enjoys
my stupidity as he pulls in more profits. Gee, Jeff, you did such
a good job handling that big rush today that I'll give you a $5 discount
on that next HT you buy. His salesmen who doesn't make enough to support
his family on what he earns there loses even more money. The owner
really benefits in various ways, no commisions, no wages, no social
security and the hidden threat of he can always replace them with
a "volunteer". Let's see,

2 salesmen at $8.00/hr for 8 hours each. $128
No commisions paid. $100 (Just a guess)
Multiply by 4 $912
Multiply by 12 $10,944

For some reason I can see why he has volunteers on weekends and why
they are such idiots. 8-)

Jeff
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 Jeff Jones AB6MB | OPPOSE THE NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT!
 jeffj@seeker.mystic.com | Canada/USA Free Trade cost Canada 400,000 jobs.
 Infolinc BBS 415-778-5929 | Want to guess how many we'll lose to Mexico?

Date: Thu, 11 Mar 1993 23:44:03 GMT
From: usc!howland.reston.ans.net!gatech!kd4nc!ke4zv!gary@network.UCSD.EDU
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <1993Mar10.001803.8474@convex.com>, <14570689@hpnmdla.sr.hp.com>,
<1993Mar11.170210.24828@odin.corp.sgi.com>

Reply-To : gary@ke4zv.UUCP (Gary Coffman)
Subject : Re: source for spools of wire

In article <1993Mar11.170210.24828@odin.corp.sgi.com> adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (Charles Adams) writes:
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>i have, and i'm sure other people on the net have, code (programs, not
>morse :-)) that will compute the sag, tension at the end points, etc.
>for a wire supported at the ends (with and without intermediate support
>points). i haven't used the code in 20 years, it uses finite element
>modeling to generate the sag, etc. in a wire of arbitrary length and
>given density.

>someone give me the density for various sizes. please.

Straight from the trusty ARRL Antenna Book:

Gauge	Recomended tension		Weight pounds/1000 feet	
	copperweld	copper	copperweld	copper
4	495	214	115.8	126.0
6	310	130	72.9	79.5
8	195	84	45.5	50.0
10	120	52	28.8	31.4
12	75	32	18.1	19.8

Note that the NEC Section 225-6(a)(1) prohibits spans greater than 50 feet
with wires smaller than 8 gauge unless supported by a messenger wire.

Gary
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Gary Coffman KE4ZV | You make it, | gatech!wa4mei!ke4zv!gary
Destructive Testing Systems | we break it. | uunet!rsiatl!ke4zv!gary
534 Shannon Way | Guaranteed! | emory!kd4nc!ke4zv!gary
Lawrenceville, GA 30244 | |

Date: 12 Mar 93 01:14:49 GMT
From: news.tek.com!tekig7!tekig6!royle@uunet.uu.net
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <1993Mar8.130739.1@utxvms.cc.utexas.edu>, <9124@tekig7.PEN.TEK.COM>, <fred-mckenzie-110393161252@k4dii.ksc.nasa.gov>
Subject : Re: A pair of coax <-> ladder line ???

>In article <9124@tekig7.PEN.TEK.COM>, royle@tekig6.PEN.TEK.COM (Roy W
>Lewallen) wrote:

>> ....All else being equal, the fraction of power lost
>> is inversely proportional to line impedance.

>Roy-

>This is only true to a point. From school 25 years ago, I recall
>derivations concerning transmission lines with regard to "maximum power
>handling capability" and "minimum loss". It seems that there is a specific
>value for each.

>In the case of minimum loss Co-Ax, the value was about 72 ohms for air
>dielectric, and about 52 ohms for polyethylene dielectric. The optimum
>value related to the ratio of diameters rather than impedance. I don't
>recall any other details, but the information is probably available in most
>college transmission lines textbooks.

>[other info deleted]

>73, Fred, K4DII

>fred-mckenzie@ksc.nasa.gov

Fred,

Thanks for commenting. I'm familiar with the "minimum loss" and "maximum power" analyses. I wasn't clear enough in my statement of "all else being equal". The classical analyses assume a fixed outer cable diameter. However, I was trying to compare open-wire line with coax, so that's obviously not an appropriate assumption. Let's compare two open wire lines made from the same diameter wire, but with different spacings so that the characteristic impedances are different. Terminate each with its characteristic impedance and apply the same power to each. The losses in the lines will be inversely proportional to their characteristic impedances, simply because less current will flow on the higher-impedance line. The simple derivation is given below. Two pieces of coax made into a balanced line can be compared on the same basis. If the inner conductor of the coax has the same diameter as the balanced line wires, the matched loss will be inversely proportional to the ratio of the open line characteristic impedance to twice the impedance of the coax. Remember that all this is a derivation of *matched* loss and assumes negligible loss in the dielectric or in the coax shield.

r = (rf) resitivity per unit length of wire
l = length of one conductor
I = rms current on each conductor

P = total power applied
p = power lost per conductor
Z0 = characteristic impedance of line

        P = I^2*Z0
        p = I^2*r*l
           so
        p/P = fraction of power lost per conductor = r*l/Z0

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Date: Thu, 11 Mar 1993 23:55:27 GMT
From: mvb.saic.com!unogate!news.service.uci.edu!ttinews!harley!
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To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <C3KtDs.3Ct@news.ysu.edu>, <47540022@hpcuhe.cup.hp.com>,
<1nl6uhINN51o@topaz.bds.com>
Subject : Re: Help!, mobile noise

In article <1nl6uhINN51o@topaz.bds.com> ron@topaz.bds.com (Ron Natalie) writes:
+What kinds of food go well with alternator wine?

That depends on whether you want a ham-style meal or an auto-style meal.

For a ham-style meal, there is:

     RIGatoni
     Heath bar
     Chickenwood
     Chopped Ya-suey
     tuner fish
     antenna beverage
     fish with CHIPS

If you prefer auto-style, there is:

     Wheel Cordon Bleu
     Drumstick Brakes
     Pinto Beans
     Glass of waterpump
     dash of spices
     enGIN
     The Club soda

Thunderbird
throttle sausgae links
ROLLS royce

Surf Interstate 405!

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